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SEAGIRT TERMINAL BREAKS 2006 RECORD FOR CONTAINER MOVES PER HOUR

BALTIMORE, MD --- The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) announced today that a 2006 vessel production record of 47 container moves per hour was reached March 24 on the Mediterranean Shipping Company's ship *MSC Amsterdam* at Seagirt Marine Terminal. A container move refers to loading or unloading a container on or off a ship. Seagirt averages about 35 container moves per hour per ship.

"Achieving 47 container moves per hour is outstanding and a direct result of a total team effort here at the Maryland Port of Baltimore," said MPA Director of Operations Dave Thomas. "This milestone would not have occurred without the efforts of the P&O Ports team that plans the vessel, the skilled International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) workforce that operates the equipment and manages the workflow, and our MPA crane personnel who are responsible for making sure our cranes operate at top performance. We are also fortunate to enjoy a long-standing relationship with MSC, our number one container carrier and one of our key customers."

The *MSC Amsterdam* is 666' feet in length, can hold more than 2,000 twenty-foot equivalent units, and arrived in Baltimore on a weekly service call from South African ports. Upon leaving Baltimore, the ship was scheduled to call other U.S. ports and then travel onto Cape Town, South Africa.

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